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IN RE APPLICATION OF :

KOSUKE WATANABE, ET AL. : EXAMINER: K. C. EGWIM

SERIAL NO: 10/556,720 :

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FOR: POLYCHLOROPRENE LATEX COMPOSITION AND PROCESS FOR

PRODUCING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated March 19, 2009, Applicants elect species b) wherein the polychloroprene is a copolymer for the elected species. Claims 1-21 and 23 are believed to read on the elected species.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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